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## <u>Letter</u>

This Letter is written in response to the Notice of Abandonment received from the Patent Office dated September 3, 2008 with respect to the above-identified application. As indicated in such Notice, Applicants filed a Petition for a three month extension of time, but no substantive response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2008.

The purpose of filing the Petition, which was granted by the Patent Office as evidenced by a charge to Applicant's deposit account, was to maintain copendency with a continuation application (Application No. 12/187,693) filed August 7, 2008. As the extension of time extended the life of the above-identified application through August 13, 2008, Application 12/187,693 is entitled to priority from above-identified Application No. 10/565,564, as well as from those earlier applications (PCT/US2004/024274 filed July 28, 2004 and US 60/491,007 filed July 29, 2003) from which Application No. 10/565,564 claimed priority.

Please advise if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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